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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM "GRAN MARISCAL  
DE AYACUCHO"

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SUMMARY: THE MAJOR HUMAN RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMS PLANNED BY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WILL INVOLVE UP TO 10,000 GOV-FINANCED SCHOLARSHIPS. THE RAPID RESPONSE OF MANY AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS INDICATE THE MAJORITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS WILL GO TO THE UNITED STATES. BOTH THE SIZE OF THE VENEZUELAN PROGRAM AND VARIETY OF U.S. INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED SUGGESTS APPROVAL AS AN EXCHANGE-VISITOR PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. THE RECENT OFFER OF PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE MADE BY DEAN EDMUND GUILLION OF THE FLETCHER SCHOOL, TUFTS UNIVERSITY, THROUGH U.S. UNIVERSITY CONTACTS MADE BY THE LATIN AMERICAN TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS (LATF) PROGRAM HAS BEEN FOLLOWED UP EFFECTIVELY WITH A PROPOSAL TO PLACE 100 GRANTEES. JAN DILL, DIRECTOR OF THE LATF REGIONAL OFFICE IN GUATEMALA (CESCA), VISITED CARACAS AUGUST 7-9 FOR CONSULTATION WITH CORDIPLAN, WHICH HAS ACCEPTED THE PLAN.

2. AT A MEETING CALLED BY CORDIPLAN LAST WEEK OF  
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U.S. REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNED VARIOUSLY WITH COORDINATION,

PLACEMENT, LANGUAGE-TESTING, AND ORIENTATION(EMBASSY, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VENEZUELA, VENEZUELAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER (BNC) AND LATF/ CESCO), VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD COMPUTER PROCESSED 10,000 APPLICATIONS FOR PLACEMENT IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND EUROPE. TWO THOUSAND HAVE BEEN SELECTED IN THE PRIMARY ZONE. CORDIPLAN EXPECTS TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY SORTING BY FIELD AND COUNTRY PREFERENCE THIS WEEK AND WILL FURNISH SOONEST THE NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS PROPOSED FOR THE UNITED STATES. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS FIRST PHASE OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM, IT EXPECT TO PROCESS THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING NOMINATIONS AND PLANS FOR VISITS OF STUDY AND OBSERVATION.

3. SIGNIFICANT IS A LETTER FROM A TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL-THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING(CARACAS 5429)- WHICH INCLUDES REQUESTS FOR U.S. PROFESSORS FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS IN VENEZUELA AND EXPRESSES A DESIRE THAT THE U.S. CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING WITHIN ITS "ON-GOING" TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM WITH VENEZUELA SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES ENVISAGED BY THIS HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

4. POST VIEWS PARTICIPATION OF VARIOUS ELEMENTS DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF THE PRIORITY GIVEN THE PROGRAM BY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AND THE POTENTIAL SIZE OF THE GRANTEE COMPLEMENT, TO BE ENTIRELY FINANCED BY THE GOV AT APPROXIMATELY \$6000 TO \$8000 PER STUDENT. IIE MIGHT WELL UNDERTAKE TO ADMINISTER FOR CORDIPLAN THE GRANTS OF STUDENTS WHOSE PLACEMENTS HAVE BEEN EFFECTED BY OTHER ELEMENTS, SINCE NEITHER CORDIPLAN NOR LATF MAY FIND IT PRACTICABLE TO DO SO, ESPECIALLY DURING THE FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR REQUIRING EMERGENCY MEASURES.

5. RESPECTING THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND STUDY VISITS, AS ALSO RECRUITMENT OF U.S. PROFESSORS AND EXPERTS FOR ASSIGNMENT IN VENEZUELA, THE AID OFFICE OF SPECIAL TECHNICAL SERVICES IS CONSIDERED BEST RESOURCE IN COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF VOLUNTARY UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAMS IN CU.

6. A RECAPITULATION OF PROJECTED U.S. SUPPORT FROM U.S. SOURCES FOLLOWS:

I. ACADEMIC PLACEMENTS

A. FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY, TUFTS UNIVERSITY. THROUGH USE OF LATF CONTACT OFFERS PLACEMENT

SERVICES FOR 100 VENEZUELAN GRATEES AT \$500 EACH-  
50 AS UNDERGRADUATES IN TECHNICALLY-ORIENTED PROGRAMS,  
20 FOR GRADUATE STUDY, AND 30 (WITH ASSISTANCE OF  
THE CESCA REGIONAL OFFICE) AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS IN  
LATIN AMERICA AS ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA (HONDU-  
RAS), ITAM(MEXICO), INCAP (GUATEMALA) AND GETULIO VARGAS  
(BRAZIL). IN ADDITION, THE FLETCHER SCHOOL WILL ADMIT  
25 STUDENTS, INDICATING FOUR LEVELS OF POSSIBLE PLACEMENT:  
OF GRADUATE STUDENTS, MID-LEVEL PROFESSIONALS WITH 8-10  
YEARS GOVERNMENTAL OR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE, NON-DEGREE SPECIAL  
STUDENTS, AND FELLOWS.;

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B. INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (CARACAS 5460,  
6248, 6707). FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF IIE VICE PRESIDENT  
JOHN THURSTON, JUNE 11, A CONTRACT COVERING PLACEMENT AND ADMINISTRA-  
TIVE SERVICES WAS DRAWN UP WITH CORDIPLAN. CONTRACT HAS NOT  
YET CLEARED COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE ALTHOUGH ITS APPROVAL IS  
ASSURED. IIE HAS SUGGESTED INITIAL TRANSFER OF \$100,000  
TO COVER ACADEMIC PROGRAM COSTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES  
FOR TEN/TWELVE STUDENTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS, ADDI-  
TIONAL FUNDING TO FOLLOW AS FLOW OF STUDENTS INCREASES.  
TWO VISITS BY IIE AREA DIRECTOR CASSANDRA PYLE HELPED CLARIFY  
AND STREAMLINE PROCEDURES. MRS PYLE RETURNS TO  
CARACAS AUGUST 27.

C. OTHER PLACEMENT OFFERS INCLUDE 10 GRADUATE STUDENTS AT  
MIT OBTAINED DIRECTLY BY CORDIPLAN; 25 AT UNIVERSITY OF THE  
PACIFIC BY THE DEAN OF GRADUATE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL DURING HIS VISIT. AT LEAST 10 BY TENNESSEE PARTNERS IN COORDINATION WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VENEZUELA(NAA) WHICH INCLUDES SPECIAL ENGLISH AT UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE (MARTIN) FOLLOWED BY AGRICULTURAL COURSES. THE NAA ALSO HAS PROSPECTS AT VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES IN THE SOUTHWEST.

II. SERVICES OF U.S. EXPERTS, STUDY VISITS AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING.

A. AID OFFICE OF SPECIAL TECHNICAL SERVICES (CARACAS UNCLASSIFIED

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5429 AND 6248). WILLIAM THODES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, VISITED CARACAS IN RESPONSE TO THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING WITH INDUSTRY THE PROPOSED STUDY VISITS AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT OF U.S. EXPERTS. FIELDS MENTIONED BY CORDIPLAN OFFICIALS INCLUDED OIL, PETROCHEMICALS, STEEL, SHIPPING AND PORTS, AND IN SECONDARY VEIN AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION. THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING HIGH-LEVEL MANAGEMENT WAS EMPHASIZED BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN. MATERIAL HAS SINCE BEEN FURNISHED BY AID ON THREE TYPES OF TRAINING IN THE AREA OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DESIGN.

B. THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF VENEZUELA HAS BEEN APPROACHED FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PLACEMENTS IN U.S. INDUSTRY THROUGH ITS 210 MEMBER COMPANIES AND AFFILIATION WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE U.S., AND THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS (COA) WHOSE CHAIRMAN HAS RESPONDED FAVORABLY. THE CHAMBER ALREADY HAS AN ACTIVE EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND CAN UNDOUBTEDLY PERFORM EFFECTIVELY IN THIS FIELD. IT HAS PROVIDED DATA CONCERNING SIMILAR PLACEMENT EXPERIENCE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

C. IIE HAS INDICATED ITS OWN CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE IN ARRANGING SUCH ON-THE-JOB TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS.

ACTION REQUEST

POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ACCORD HIGH PRIORITY TO APPROVAL OF VISA PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. STARTING SEPTEMBER OF POSSIBLY 300-500 GRANTEES FOR SPECIAL ENGLISH AND OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, TO BE FOLLOWED LATER BY EXCHANGES DESCRIBED IN SECTION II, -ALL FULLY-FINANCED BY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT. CONSULAR OFFICERS RECOMMEND ASSIGNING EXCHANGE-VISITOR PROGRAM STATUS TO STREAMLINE ARRANGEMENTS, OBVIATING THE NEED FOR MANY UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS TO ISSUE INDIVIDUAL I-20 FORMS, AND FOR THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEES REQUIRED LOCALLY. MIGHT

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UNDER THE RESIDENCY/INTERNSHIP EXCHANGE? A PRE-PRINTED  
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND STATEMENTS OF GRANT BENEFITS  
"TRAVEL, TUITION, MAINTENANCE PROVIDED BY THE VENEZUELAN  
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GOVERNMENT" WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE ARRANGEMENTS. THE  
VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OR IIE WOULD SERVE AS THE PROGRAM  
SPONSOR AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF CORDIPLAN OR IIE WOULD  
SIGN THE FORM. THE MAGNITUDE AND DIVERSITY OF THE EXCHANGE,  
AND THE PRIORITY ASSIGNED THE PROGRAM IN HIGH-LEVEL CON-  
VERSATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE BOTH IN CARACAS AND WASHINGTON,  
AND IN THE MEDIA, FULLY WARRANT A POSITIVE RESPONSE  
WITH SPECIAL MEASURES TO SUPPORT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT  
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